

WESTERN KAS. WORLD.

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A school was opened at Grinnell last Monday.

REAL ESTATE booms at Phillipsburg, the *Herald* says.

KANSAS has had fifty-one railroad charters filed in the state during the last six months.

REV. MR. WELLER, the *Golden Belt* tells, ran a revival meeting at Grinnell through three Sundays, closing a week ago Sunday evening, and caught twenty-eight converts.

JAMES TATUM is a Baptist preacher, who served in the war of 1812. He is ninety-five years old, and has taken a homestead in Ellis county, with the intention of growing up with the country.

"Now, let us bore for coal, and let the anger go on down until it reaches coal or melts," exclaims the *Topeka Capital*. This is the spirit which will animate the successful boring for coal at Wa-Keeney, the *World* is thinking.

No longer does the *Times* sling hot shot into the camp of the squad who seek to stop liquor selling in Leavenworth. That paper, whatever may have been its reason, changed to the right side at a peculiarly opportune moment.

JOSEPH WHITALL, of near Alamo, Lane county, the *Herald* relates, had a collar bone broken two weeks ago last evening. He was taking two horses to water, riding one and leading the other. The one which was being led led the leader to the ground.

We must clip one of Clay Dean's feathers anyway, as it protrudes from the *Norton Champion*: "The American gentleman sends to England for a Durham to improve his cattle; to France for a Norman to improve his horses; to Spain for a Merino to improve his sheep, and turns around and marries his daughter to a slim, empty headed, pesky little dude."

Mrs. JOHNSON is seventy years old, and she lives twelve miles from Ness City. Last Sunday, the *Times* tells, the team ran away with the wagon in which she, with her two sons, was riding. One or more wheels passed over a shoulder, an arm and across her body. A shoulder was fractured, a wrist broken, and her body bruised. She is in a critical condition, with Dr. Scott in charge of her case.

WASHINGTON *National Republican*: The *Republican* is in receipt of a number of communications heartily indorsing the suggestions made in these columns on Thursday last, that Gen. Logan should be elected to the presidential office of the Senate. The general drift of public sentiment is in that direction. "All concede that the proprieties of the occasion point such a consummation."

HULANISKI over at Bull City can not do a good thing without making a wretched attempt to counteract it with something bad. Last week, in his *Empire*, he renounced completely his declared sentiment of a few weeks ago, to the effect that he would not support a prohibitionist anywhere for anything, by avowing that he has been converted and will henceforth support anything wearing the Republican label. So far, so good. In the same issue, however, he copies the *World's* Hanback-Moravian lecture editorial, and credits it to the Leavenworth *Times*.

SHAWNEE SHINES. Shawnee county, on Tuesday, voted bonds to the amount of \$100,000, in aid of the building of the Nebraska, Kansas & Dakota railway. The *Capital* exultingly announces that Topeka will not stop booming until she holds 100,000 inhabitants and that Fort Scott people, in coming to Topeka, will not have to travel through Missouri.

GOOD FOR GRINNELL. It is just as near to Heaven from Grinnell, Gove county, Kansas, as from any other place in the West, with as few snags, sand bars and shallows in the channel as by any other route.—(*Grinnell Golden Belt*).

Good for Grinnell, and good for the editor who has found time from his arduous duties to attend Rev. Mr. Weller's revival, and become aware of this fact. It stands to reason that what the *Golden Belt* says of Grinnell's proximity to Heaven can fairly be applied to Wa-Keeney.

THOMAS KICKS. Since Thomas county has been organized she does not want her school land sales made at Kenneth. The sales of several sections were made at Kenneth a few days ago, in the face of a remonstrance on the part of the Thomas county school superintendent. The purchasers have procured what they were after; innocent purchasers, of course, hold the land now. Some efforts may be made to show a little respect for the law in these cases. Such action, however, is by no means probable.

SHOT TO DEATH. On Thursday of last week, Harry Peterson, Albert Kahn, J. W. Vining and Charley Latham, all of Norton, the *Courier* says, were out hunting quails. A covey of the birds was discovered near where young Peterson was standing. He called to Albert Kahn to come where he was, so that they could shoot simultaneously at the birds. On the

way, Albert tripped and fell. His gun, which had been cocked, was discharged, and the load of shot penetrated the back of poor Peterson's neck, killing him instantly. The *Lenora Leader* heard that the accident had driven young Kahn to the point of attempting to take his own life.

NOT A WEATHER PROPHECY. Philosopher Tilton, who publishes the *Western World* at Wa-Keeney, Kansas, some 322 miles west of Kansas City, thinks the signs out his way point to a mild but wet winter: "Farmers say the corn husks are thin, and that the earth-burrowing animals are building their mounds high, as if preparing for freshets."

The *World* happens to know that the first word of the above editorial item is not used in the nature of a personal slur. While appreciating fully the intended compliment of the *Indicator*, we must say, in justice to a deserving and talented lady, that the person whom we employ as our regular correspondent at the important station of Collyer wrote that last sentence.

Without hinting that weather prophets, as a class, do not know their business, we are free to say that Tilton never poses in that kind of a character in western Kansas. He may speculate at times on what is likely to happen as a result of something else which he can not forecast as happening this side of that. It is our opinion, for instance, that a mild, watery winter here would mean the almost certain failure of next year's crops.

ON THE RIGHT TRAIL.

It is reported for a fact that Attorney General Bradford took a trip to Dodge City—our own Dodge City, on the Kansas plains—and closed up every saloon in the place, was given the keys of several of the saloon doors, witnessed the changing of some of the saloons into such condition as to be used for other kinds of business, was promised that the saloon business would not be revived, and so on. The *World* does not assimilate all this gruel without considerable reluctance. It does believe, though, that General Bradford has absorbed sufficient knowledge of the trail to take to enable him to close every saloon in the state, and keep it closed. But in many cases time is apt to be required. Of all this kind of places, Dodge City is the most marked representative.

DIRTY SHIRT DEAN.

Henry Clay Dean has been lecturing at Kirwin and other places northeast of Wa-Keeney. The papers do not give "old dirty shirt" a class of notices which average very complimentary. It occurred to us, last summer, when Dean was invited to orate at Ellsworth on July Fourth, that the old fellow had, for Kansas purposes, laid aside the name by which he commonly calls his home place, in Putnam county, Missouri. He seems to be equally deferential to the people in the northern tier of Kansas counties. It has been Dean's usual practice for years to date his letters from home, "Rebel's Cove," etc. During the war, he was one of the most malignant Copperheads that Iowa produced, and this is saying a good deal. The fact is, Dean, if fairly known in Kansas, never would come to this state to find an audience.

KILLED WITH A RAMROD.

The ten-year-old son of Tom Conklin, of Norton, was out with two boys, Howard and Dwight Mat-fison, near Washington, Kansas, on the 14th ult., hunting quails. Howard, in going through a wire fence, discharged his gun accidentally, with the result of shooting the Conklin boy through the heart with a piece of the ramrod. Howard, it appeared, had put powder in the gun, and, in his hurry, had failed to finish loading the gun, leaving the ramrod in the barrel.

INCREASE IT.

It is likely there will be a demand at the next sitting of the Kansas legislature for the salary of the attorney general to be increased from \$1,500 to \$3,000 per year. From the way Mr. Bradford has been working of late, the *World* believes that such a measure deserves favorable attention. It is a mean thing for a state to seek the services of a five-thousand-dollar lawyer for any such paltry sum as that which Kansas now pays her attorney general.

An order was sent out from Washington, on Monday last, for post-offices to be closed during a portion of Tuesday, out of respect to the memory of the dead vice president. The order was not executed at the Wa-Keeney post-office, for the reason that Postmaster Ufford did not receive the notification in time.

H. J. Hills, of our town, made a happy hit last spring by purchasing a dozen lots in the business center of North Millbrook. He could sell them now, and come out "several times whole," but he is in no hurry.

—Mr. J. L. Miller was at Kansas City in the middle of the week.

—Ellsworth's cattle were auctioned off last Saturday at fair prices.

—Frank Ellsworth had a very sick spell last week. He is able to be around again.

—Mr. A. Bennett has gone down to Garden City, taking in Denver on the route.

—Rev. Mr. Stayt goes to Ellis to-day, to hold quarterly meeting to-day and tomorrow.

—Mr. N. H. Sawtelle arrived home, last Saturday morning, from Denver, and had his red flag auction signal raised within a very few hours.

—The family of J. L. Miller, of the Smith & Bennett office, has arrived to call Wa-Keeney home.

—Mr. N. H. Sawtelle went to Denver Wednesday night, and he is expected back home next Monday.

—The arrival of C. M. Paul's Pennsylvania anthracite coal several days ago created sundry glad hearts.

—Mr. E. M. Prindle, the *Cap Sheaf* editor, Grainfield, was taking in the town Thursday, and, of course, he imposed his form in the *World* sanctuary.

—J. T. Allen, one of the Wallace land agents, who had been at Kansas City several days, stopped off at Wa-Keeney Tuesday, and has been here since.

—The revival meeting continues. A good many converts have been made, and Rev. Mr. Stayt feels that the time devoted to the revival has been well spent.

—There will be no religious meeting in town this evening. Rev. Mrs. Beavers will preach to-morrow. There will then be no further meeting until Wednesday evening.

—Mr. Murray, of the banking firm of Wilson, Murray & Co., has been at Wellington, Kansas, this week, after his family. Their arrival in Wa-Keeney is expected next Monday.

—E. Wickham, of the south part of Sheridan county, took the train at Wa-Keeney, Tuesday morning, for Andrew county, Mo. He expected to make the trip about ten days' long.

—We fail to catch onto the why-so-it, but H. F. Knight, of the Collyer country, was here last Tuesday, in search of work as a carpenter, and he expressed himself as being unable to find employment.

—The M. E. quarterly meeting will be held at this place on Saturday and Sunday, December 12 and 13. Rev. Mr. Elder, of Ellis, will hold the quarterly conference, and preach Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

—A special train went west Monday morning, the business of whose occupants was to measure railway employees with the view of furnishing each of them a uniform suit. The order has gone forth that not only train men, but station agents, telegraph operators and clerks, must dress in uniform suits. The company will furnish these at twenty-two dollars per suit, payable in three monthly installments. A *World* reporter gathered the idea that the plan will be popular with the boys.

The New Church.

The M. E. church location has been fixed on lot 5, block 31. This lies a short distance west of Captain Hanna's residence.

A petition is about to be circulated to raise a portion of the funds with which to build a church building. Application for material aid in this direction has also been made to the extension board of the M. E. Church, and partial success, at least, is sure in this channel.

It is expected that the building will be at least 28 feet wide by 50 feet long, and run upward to the extent of a high story. It will be built of wood, at a cost of from \$2,000 to \$2,500.

The *World* bespeaks for this meritorious enterprise a flow of liberal subscriptions at the hands of our citizens. In fact, the *World* constitutes itself a committee of one to thank anybody who may see fit to increase the size of the pile, even though he be not a citizen.

A New Firm.

The nice room at the head of the opera hall stairway as you turn to the left has been fitted up nicely, and rented to Messrs. Bennett & Smith for a real estate office.

These gentlemen have for years been making their headquarters at Garden City, in this state. Mr. Bennett used to conduct at that place the prosperous paper known as the *Irrigator*. At Garden City these gentlemen, we are informed, have been employed very generally on one side of every important litigated land contest which has been tried before the government land office at that place.

At Wa-Keeney, they have opened a branch office. Mr. Bennett will gravitate from Wa-Keeney to Garden City and back, as well as attending to business at other points. Mr. Smith will hold the fort at Garden City for the firm. The resident managers of the business at Wa-Keeney are J. L. Miller and F. W. Putnam.

This firm will conduct at this place a general real estate business, handling principally their own lands. They aim to work for their share of the business at this place, and feel that they are prepared to attend to it, having conducted, as they are now conducting, the largest land business in the Garden City land district.

Messrs. Bennett & Smith are getting out 10,000 maps of the Wa-Keeney land district. They have already purchased largely of property in Wa-Keeney, the residence property of W. H. Pilkenton and several lots just south of the public square being among their purchases. They aim to invest as much as ten thousand dollars in Wa-Keeney property. They are satisfied that Wa-Keeney is the nucleus of a city in the near future. This is the way they were impressed about it on account of what they heard before visiting this place.

The *World* bespeaks for the firm of Bennett & Smith their just share of the public patronage.

Supposed Attempted Suicide.

At 1 o'clock Tuesday, Dr. Wilcox was summoned hastily by Joseph Hughes, who lives in the John Keeney farm house, east of town, to go to see his wife, who, Mr. Hughes thought, had taken about two tablespoonfuls of laudanum with suicidal intent. Dr. Jones was also called. Against her decided protest, an emetic was administered. She rallied rapidly, and is about well at this writing, we believe.

It is not our purpose to penetrate the closet of the family circle to drag out a skeleton. What we have said is known generally in this community, as well as the further fact that a son of Mr. Hughes by another wife is at the bottom of the trouble. We do not aim to assert that the boy is to blame. We do not know.

A new lot of Ladies' Cloaks and Silk Circulars just received at Kerns & Kyle's.

Squire Martin, of Grainfield, was a welcome caller on Thursday. He has sold his interest in the store at Grainfield, and is about to begin the erection of a building at Gove City, with the intention of opening a store there about the first of the new year. Mr. Martin thinks that the central and southern portions of Gove county will increase very materially in population the coming spring.

Bruce Sanders, the affable land agent from Grinnell, graced this office awhile Thursday. He had us do a lot of printing for the Gove Hotel, at Grinnell, and said it was a good house, deserving of encouragement. We said we remembered that that was a fact, and would put it in the paper. Remember the Gove Hotel when you chance to be at Grinnell.

The nicest assortment of goods of all kinds in Wa-Keeney is at Kerns & Kyle's.

The school board have determined, in the event of no veto appearing in any direction, to purchase the North half of block 19 for a school house site. The price of the ground is \$500. It is eligibly located in the north part of town.

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